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To: Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
Supervisor Gloria Molina
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Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. T. Fujioka", is written over the typed name.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

On June 11, 2008, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved its FFY 2009 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. The bill has not yet been released, but information released by the Subcommittee indicates that all of the President's proposed reductions in homeland security and first responder grants to state and local governments were rejected. The State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) is funded at the same level (\$950 million) as in FFY 2008 while the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) is increased by \$30 million to \$850 million. The bill also increases Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding by \$15 million to \$315 million. In FFY 2008, California received a \$23.1 million EMPG allotment of which \$1.3 million will be passed through to the County. FFY 2008 SHSGP and UASI funds have not yet been awarded to state and local governments. The full Committee is scheduled to mark up the bill on June 18, 2008.

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Reauthorization (H.R. 3546)

On June 10, 2008, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved H.R. 3546 (Johnson, D-GA), a bill which would authorize \$1.095 billion for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012. Under current law, JAG's authorization level is \$1.095 billion for FFY 2006 and such sums as may be necessary for FFYs 2007 through 2009. This bill is identical to S. 231 (Feinstein, D-CA), which the Senate passed on May 24, 2007. Annual

appropriations for JAG historically have been significantly below the authorized level. The amount appropriated for JAG in FFY 2008 is only \$170 million, which is more than a two-thirds reduction below the prior year level. Full committee mark-up on H.R. 3546 has not yet been scheduled.

Hospital Preparedness Grant – Correction

Based on information from a Department of Health and Human Services news release announcing hospital and public health preparedness grants, the June 9, 2008 Washington, D.C. update reported that the County's hospital preparedness grant allotment fell from \$13.1 million in FFY 2007 to \$12.3 million in FFY 2008. We subsequently have learned that the allotment for Los Angeles County in the news release is incorrect and that the County's FFY 2008 hospital preparedness grant allotment is exactly \$300,000 higher for a total of \$12.6 million.

We will continue to keep you advised.

WTF:GK
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c: All Department Heads
Legislative Strategist